



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### **LT. GOVERNORS MEET TO BI-PARTISANLY DISCUSS ENERGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

On the heels of the U.S. Presidential election, more than a dozen lieutenant governors are meeting where the race began - in Iowa. "Collectively, lieutenant governors are bi-partisan leaders among the states through the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)," said NLGA Director Julia Hurst. "This meeting will unite lieutenant governors to explore shared goals on the critical issues still facing the states – energy, economic development, jobs, and health care."

Lieutenant governors will discuss strategic energy policy with a White House designee on the President's 'all of the above' energy plan which he defines as a 21st century strategy developing every source of American-made energy. Attendees will also hear from a corporate leader in wind energy and from the Renewable Fuels Association of Iowa, the state leading the nation in renewable fuel production. "Development and use of energy sources is an integral part of enhanced economic development," said Hurst.

Lieutenant governors will also discuss jobs, workforce, and international trade. "Jobs based in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are projected to be the fastest growing occupations over the next decade," said Hurst. "The lieutenant governors will learn of assistance available in the various states for STEM education and will discuss proven elements of successful state STEM programs."

A national model in workforce delivery will be detailed and lieutenant governors will hear about opportunities for trade assistance for small businesses and about specific NLGA-facilitated exchanges with Mexico and Germany.

Lieutenant governors will hear from national leaders in the public and private arena on health care and on food production, innovation, and security. "All states continue work bringing down health care costs and meeting basic needs for residents and this meeting will showcase the most recent innovations in making healthy food more available to all people and in increasing public health efforts."

The meeting is the NLGA Committees and New Elect meeting. Business discussion will focus on ways lieutenant governors may maintain their hallmark example of national bi-partisan leadership in the federal-state arena and continue exchanges which benefit all constituents through the collaborative exchange of best practices. The meeting will be held December 3 – 5, 2012, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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